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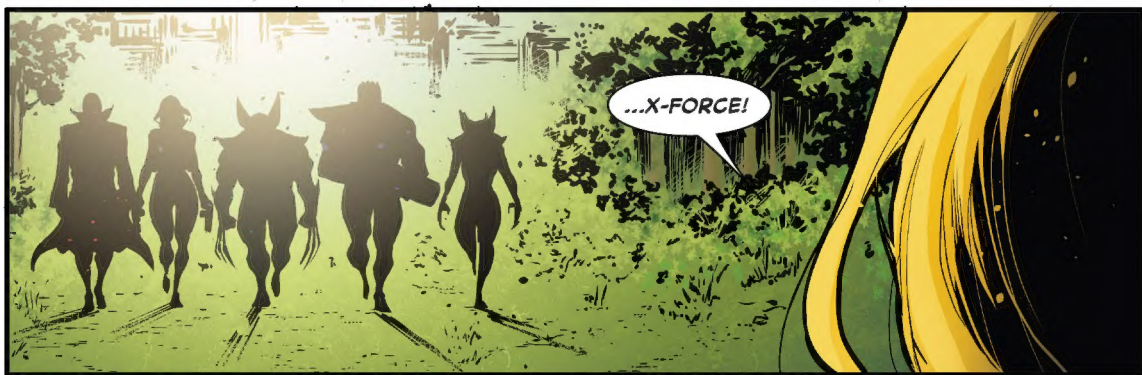
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# VENOMIZED





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ALL RIGHT,  
X-FORCE--

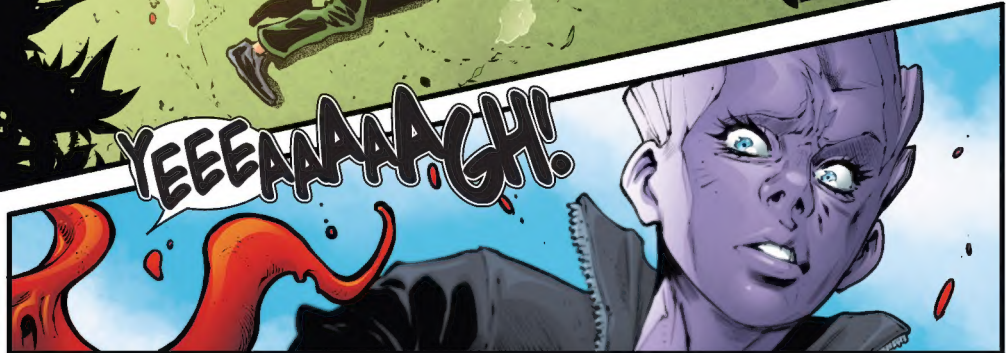
--THERE'S A  
MANSION FULL OF  
MUTANTS THAT'S  
RIPE FOR THE  
TAKING.

LET'S  
GO GET  
THEM.

FERAL,  
WOLVERINE--  
COVER US.

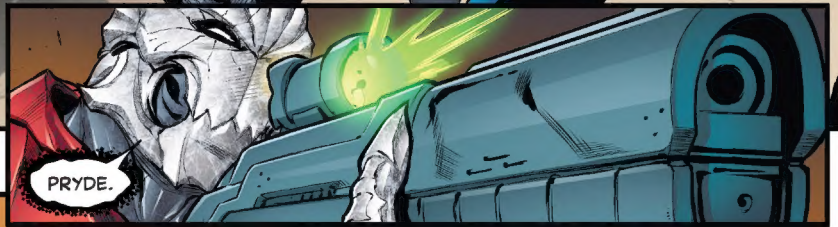


OH, NO.  
EYE-BOY,  
ARE YOU--

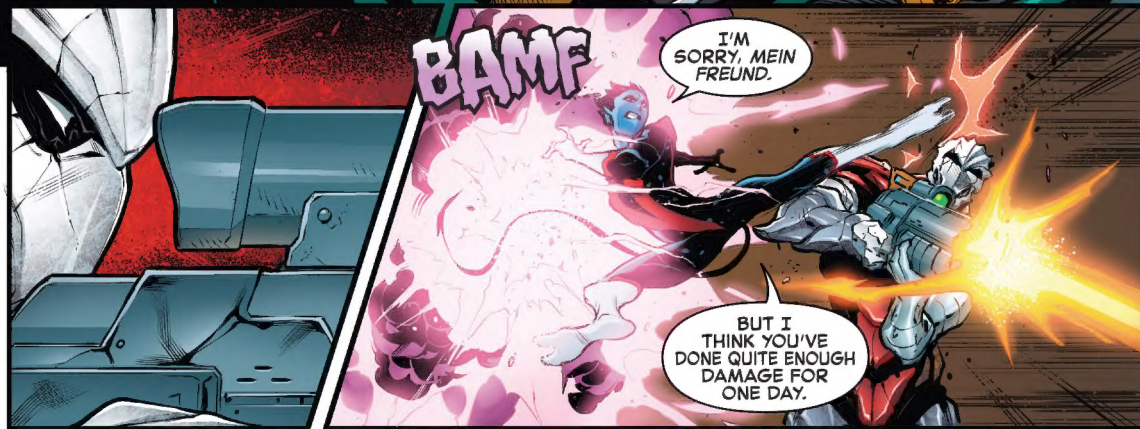


YEEAAAAAGH!

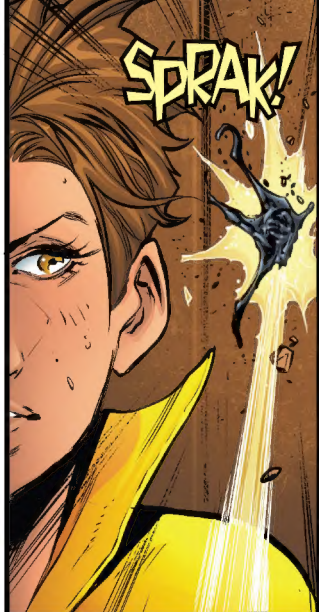
















BOZHE MO!!

YEAH, PETE....

...YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!





# VENOMIZED

RECENTLY, EDDIE BROCK WAS TELEPORTED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION AND CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE **POISONS** – A SPECIES THAT TRAVELS THE MULTIVERSE HARVESTING **SYMBIOTES** AND CONSUMING THEIR SUPERHUMAN HOSTS.

AFTER DESTROYING THE POISON THREAT AND RETURNING TO HIS NATIVE REALITY, VENOM WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE X-MEN, WHO NEEDED HIS HELP RESCUING CYCLOPS' FATHER FROM A GANG OF SPACE-FARING MERCENARIES, ALL BONDED WITH ALIEN SYMBIOTES.

BUT IN THE MIDST OF THE RESCUE, VENOM AND THE X-MEN WERE ATTACKED BY A NEW CONTINGENT OF POISONS, ALIVE AND DEADLIER THAN EVER. IN THE ENSUING BATTLE, THE POISONS CONSUMED NOT ONLY THE BOUNTY HUNTERS BUT **JEAN GREY**, AS WELL.

SUDDENLY OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED, VENOM AND THE X-MEN RETREATED BACK TO EARTH, HOPING TO WARN THE PLANET OF THE POISON THREAT...

NOTE: THE EVENTS OF *VENOMIZED* TAKE PLACE BEFORE *THE DEATH OF THE MIGHTY THOR*

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**HAHA HAHA!**

'TIS TRUE!

THERE WAS A DOZEN OF THEM! AND THOUGH THEIR GAZE WOULD TURN YOU TO STONE, THEIR TOUCH WAS PURE DELIGHT!

I'VE HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE, HERCULES.

LAST TIME YOU TOLD IT, THERE WERE TWO DOZEN.

AND THEY WERE KELPIES, NOT GORGONS.



AH, THOR! THE ACCURSED SUN IS TOO BRIGHT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

WHAT SAY WE GO BACK TO THE TAVERN AND CONTINUE DRINKING UNTIL NIGHTFALL?

TEMPTING.

BUT THE TASKS OF THE DAY WILL NOT WAIT, NOT EVEN FOR THE GODS.



HOLD, SON OF ZEUS.

WE ARE BEING WATCHED.

NOT JUST WATCHED...

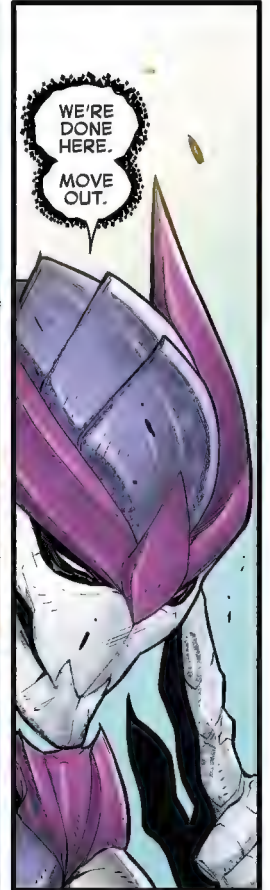
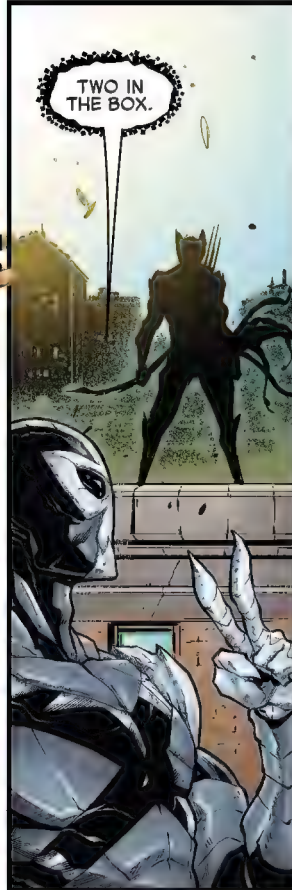


...AMBUSHED!











MIDTOWN.

HOLD ON...DON'T TELL ME.

YOU'RE AN EVIL CRUSTACEAN CYBORG FROM THE FUTURE, SENT TO DESTROY THE PAST?

YOU'RE DOING A GUERILLA MARKETING STUNT FOR THIS YEAR'S CHEESIEST SCI-FI SHOOT-'EM-UP?

YOU'RE A HALLOWEEN DECORATION BROUGHT TO LIFE BY ROGUE MAGIC AND NOW YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TRUE LOVE?

ZRAKKA-  
ZRAK-  
ZRAKKA

WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU LOOK A BIT LIKE THE PUNISHER.

YOU MIGHT LIKE GUNS AS MUCH AS HE DOES...

...YOU MAY BE A TOTAL JERK LIKE HIM...

...BUT OTHERWISE YOU'RE JUST SOME CHEAP KNOCKOFF!

A CHEAP KNOCK-OFF--  
--WITH GRENADES!

WHOMP!





WHAT THE--  
A  
SYMBIOTE?

FIGHT'S  
OVER, WEB-  
HEAD.  
YOU  
LOST.  
THIS  
ROUND  
GOES TO  
ME.

HOW  
DO YOU  
FIGURE?

I HOPE  
YOU DIDN'T THINK  
HITTING ME WITH AN  
ALIEN **POWER-UP** WAS  
GONNA TAKE ME  
BY SURPRISE.

PAL, I'VE  
BEEN DEALING  
WITH ALIEN SLIME-  
BALLS FOR A  
LONG TIME.

**THWOCK!**

**YOW!**

**CHWOMP!**

GIVING YOU  
THE SYMBIOTE  
IS JUST THE  
BEGINNING.

YOU'VE  
JUST BEEN  
**DRAFTED,**  
SPIDER-  
MAN.

YOU MAY  
NOT REALIZE IT,  
BUT YOU SERVE  
THE **HIVE**  
NOW.





"AND YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE."

"ALL AROUND YOUR CITY, MY BRETHREN LAY CLAIM TO THAT WHICH IS RIGHTFULLY OURS."



"WE CLAIM THOSE WHO WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO OUR CAUSE."

"OTHERS THINK OF THIS AS FERTILIZING POTENTIAL CROPS."



"BUT I PREFER TO THINK OF IT..."

"...AS SEASONING A MEAL."



"SOON, OUR NUMBERS WILL GROW."

"WE WILL ADD THE WEAPONS OF THIS WORLD TO OUR ARSENAL."





"FIGHT US IF  
YOU MUST..."

"...IT MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE."

"SOON ENOUGH,  
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND  
WHAT IS HAPPENING."

"YOU'LL REALIZE  
THAT WE HAVE  
SCoured WORLDS  
BEYOND THIS ONE."




"THAT WE HAVE  
CLAIMED OTHERS..."

"...JUST  
LIKE YOU..."



"...ON EVERY  
WORLD WE HAVE  
VISITED."

"WE KNOW WHICH OF YOU  
WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE  
GREATEST POWER."



"WE MARK  
THOSE WE  
WANT..."

"BODYSLIDE  
BY ONE."

"...AND WAIT FOR  
THEM TO BE  
READY FOR THE  
HARVEST."





YOU SHOULD  
USE THIS TIME TO  
MAKE PEACE WITH  
YOUR LOVED  
ONES...

YOUR  
AUNT  
MAY.

MARY JANE  
WATSON.

HOW DO  
YOU--



YOU ARE  
NOT THE FIRST  
SPIDER-MAN TO  
JOIN OUR  
RANKS...

...AND  
THERE ARE NO  
SECRETS IN  
THE HIVE.

**SLAM!**



HOLD  
ON...

...YOU'RE  
NOT...

...GOING  
ANY--



AW.

I GUESS  
I'M NOT  
LEAVING LIVE  
SYMBIOTE  
GRENADES  
LYING  
AROUND...

YOU  
GO AHEAD,  
I'LL CATCH  
UP.



APPROACHING  
EARTH.

THIS  
THREAT IS  
VERY REAL,  
JIMMY.

IF CORSAIR'S  
TRANSMISSION  
WAS ACCURATE,  
EVERY MEMBER OF THE  
KLYNTAR SPECIES  
HAS BEEN ABDUCTED  
FROM THEIR HOME  
PLANET.

AND WE  
HAVE EVERY  
REASON TO BELIEVE  
THE POISONS WILL BE  
BRINGING THEM  
TO EARTH.

IF THAT'S THE  
CASE, THEY'RE GOING  
TO STRIKE AREAS WITH HIGH  
CONCENTRATIONS OF  
SUPER-POWERED  
INDIVIDUALS...

...AND THAT  
MEANS THE XAVIER  
SCHOOL IN NEW YORK  
COULD BE A POTENTIAL  
TARGET.

WE'LL MEET  
YOU THERE,  
BEAST.

THE POISONS ARE BAD  
NEWS...AND SMART.

DON'T LET 'EM  
GET ANYWHERE  
NEAR THE PEOPLE  
YOU CARE ABOUT WITH  
THOSE SYMBIOTES.  
IF THEY DO--

WAIT.

WHERE'S  
JEAN?

SHE--

JUST  
GET TO THE  
SCHOOL,  
JIMMY.  
BEFORE  
IT'S TOO  
LATE...



"...IF IT'S NOT  
ALREADY."

OUR  
OPERATIONS ARE  
PROCEEDING AS  
PLANNED.

WE HAVE  
LAUNCHED A NUMBER  
OF SIMULTANEOUS  
STRIKES.

AND WHILE  
WE HAVE NOT  
ATTAINED A 100%  
INFECTION  
RATE...

...WE HAVE  
PREPARED MANY OF  
OUR PRIME TARGETS,  
AS WELL AS DOZENS  
OF OTHERS.

OUR SUCCESS  
RATE WILL, AS WE  
HAVE SEEN ON OTHER  
WORLDS, INCREASE  
EXPONENTIALLY AS MORE  
WEAPONS ARE ADDED  
TO THE HIVE.

THIS UNIVERSE  
HAS ALREADY  
PROVEN TO BE  
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT  
THAN THE OTHERS  
WE HAVE  
VISITED.

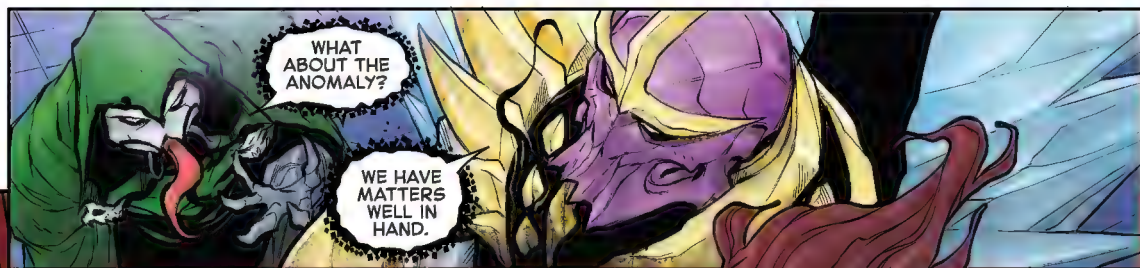
INDEED.

WE HAVE  
MORE SYMBIOTES...  
AND MORE POTENTIAL  
HOSTS...AT OUR  
DISPOSAL THAN  
EVER BEFORE.

"THE GENETIC  
MODIFICATION  
PROCESS HAS  
PROVEN  
SUCCESSFUL.

"FURTHER TESTING  
WILL BE REQUIRED...  
BUT WE SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO DECREASE  
BONDING TIME  
AS WELL."





WHAT ABOUT THE ANOMALY?

WE HAVE MATTERS WELL IN HAND.

"CARNAGE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTIVE IN THIS REALITY..."

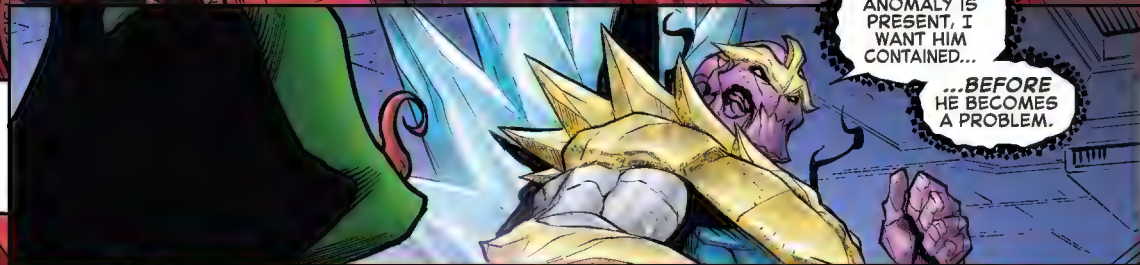
"...BUT I HAVE DISPATCHED EMISSARIES TO ROOT HIM OUT."

"BLACK CAT HAS ALREADY MADE PROGRESS."



IF THE ANOMALY IS PRESENT, I WANT HIM CONTAINED...

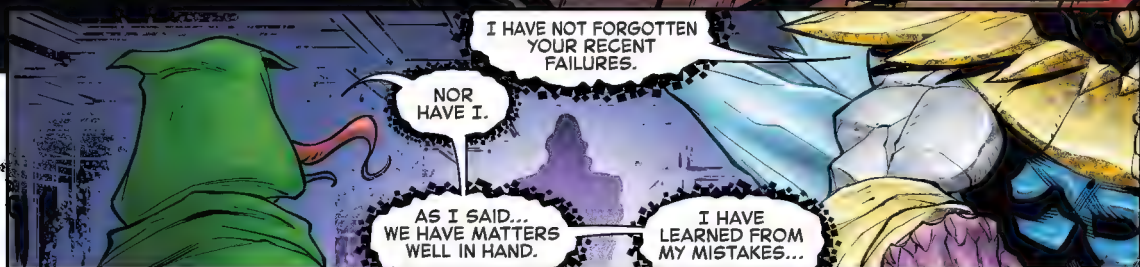
...BEFORE HE BECOMES A PROBLEM.



"THE ANOMALY REPRESENTS INSTABILITY AND CHAOS."

"YOUR PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH HIM PROVED THE DANGER HE REPRESENTS."\*

\*IN LAST YEAR'S EPIC VENOMVERSE! BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT!  
--EDITOR.



I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOUR RECENT FAILURES.

NOR HAVE I.

AS I SAID... WE HAVE MATTERS WELL IN HAND.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKES...





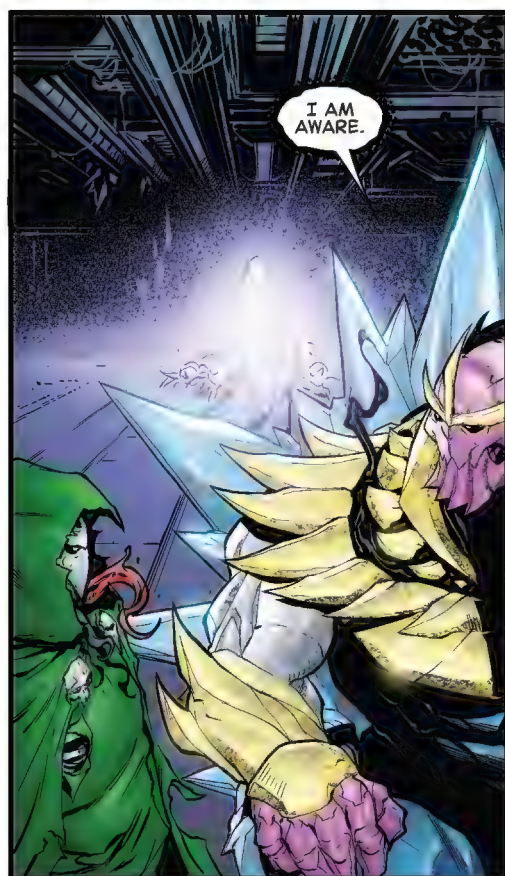
...AND I  
HAVE NO DESIRE  
TO FAIL *HER*  
AGAIN.



NO. AFTER ALL,  
YOU CAN BE  
REPLACED.



SO  
CAN WE  
ALL.



I AM  
AWARE.



*SHE*  
FREQUENTLY  
REMINDS  
ME.





WHERE  
THE HECK  
DID HE  
GO?

HE'S A  
LOT FASTER--  
OR STEALTHIER--  
THAN HE  
LOOKED!

I'VE BEEN  
ATTACKED WITH  
A LOT OF WEIRD  
WEAPONS...

...BUT NEVER  
A SYMBIOTE!

NEED TO GET  
THIS THING OFF  
IMMEDIATELY...



...AND  
SINCE THESE  
THINGS HATE  
NOISE, I KNOW  
JUST WHERE  
TO GO.

WHAT **REALLY**  
BOTHERS ME IS  
HOW NATURAL  
THIS FEELS...

...LIKE  
SLIPPING INTO  
A WELL-WORN  
PAIR OF  
SHOES...

...AND  
THAT'S A  
SLIPPERY SLOPE  
I NEED TO  
AVOID AT ALL  
COSTS!

SO...I  
CAN'T HEAR YOU  
INSIDE MY HEAD BUT  
I HOPE YOU KNOW  
THIS IS NOTHING  
PERSONAL.

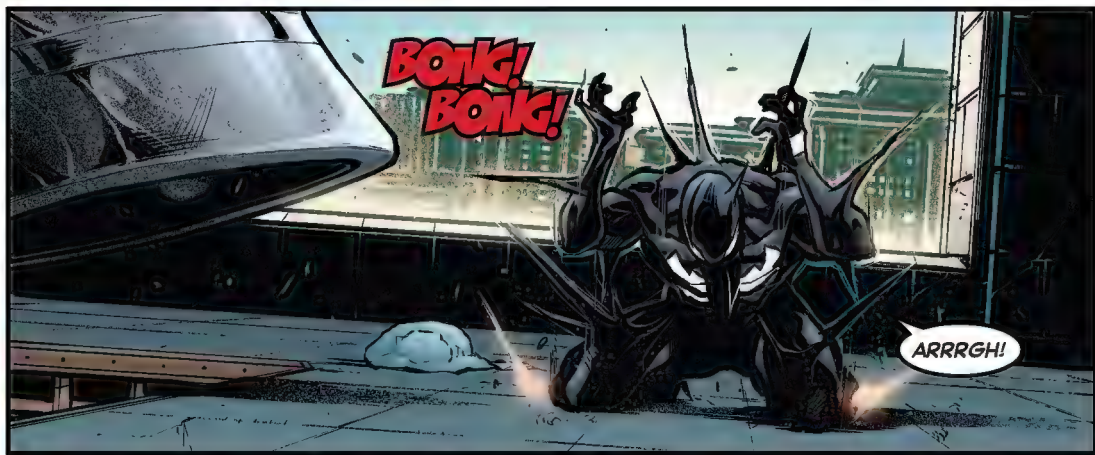
I'VE GOT  
A THING ABOUT  
BEING FORCED TO  
BOND WITH  
ALIENS.

IF IT  
HELPS AT ALL,  
THIS IS GONNA  
HURT ME--

--A LOT  
MORE THAN  
IT'S GONNA  
HURT YOU!

**BA-  
BOING!**







# RAVENCROFT INSTITUTE FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE.

WHERE  
IS HE?

WE'RE  
NOT HERE  
FOR YOU.

TELL  
US...SAVE  
US SOME TIME...  
AND WE'LL  
SPARE  
YOU.

WHERE  
IS THE  
ANOMALY?

YEEEEAAAGH!

I D-DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT!

P-PLEASE!

I CAN'T  
TELL YOU WHAT  
I DON'T--

HHRRGKK!

YOU DON'T  
THINK THEY  
MOVED HIM,  
DO YOU?

HOW  
WOULD THEY  
HAVE MOVED  
HIM?

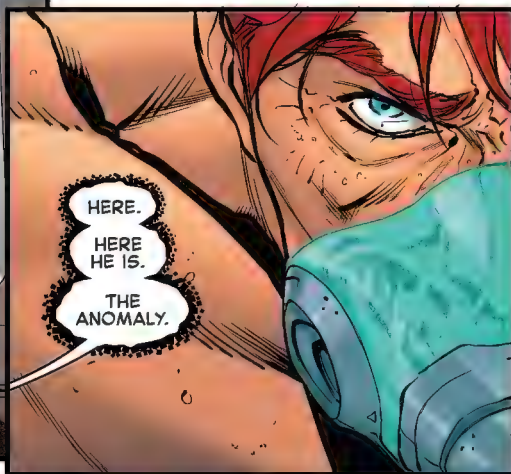
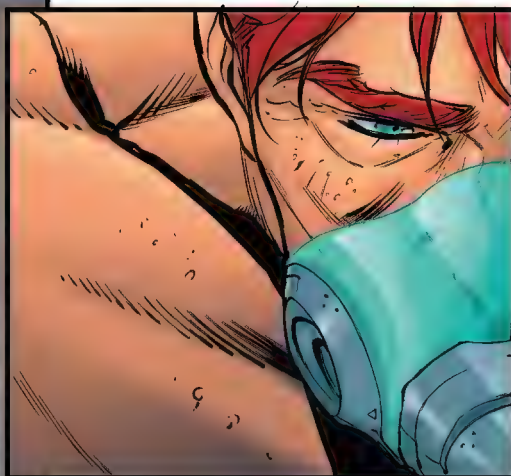
WE HAVE  
STRUCK SO  
FAST. THEY ARE  
UNAWARE OF OUR  
MOTIVES.

BLACK  
CAT'S INTEL  
WAS SOLID.

HE'S  
HERE...



"...AND HE'S  
WAITING  
FOR US."



HERE.  
HERE  
HE IS.  
THE  
ANOMALY.



HE IS...  
NOTHING.

JUST  
THE HOST  
BODY.  
AND  
EVEN THAT  
HAS SUFFERED  
TERRIBLE  
INJURY.

PITIFUL.



COME A  
LITTLE CLOSER,  
CUPCAKE!

I GOT  
A LITTLE  
SOMETHING  
FOR YOU!

WE'LL  
SEE WHO'S  
PITIFUL WHEN  
YOU'RE CHOKING  
ON YOUR OWN  
BLOOD!



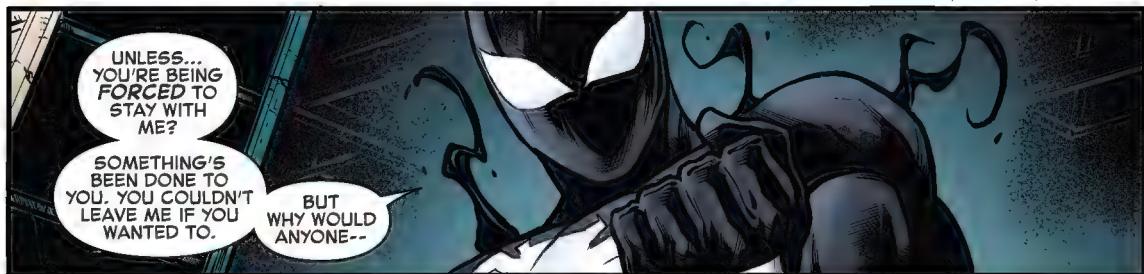
PERFECT. NOT ONLY IS THE  
ANOMALY PRESENT HERE, HIS  
BLOODLUST IS AS INSATIABLE  
AS EVER AND--

SNFF

--HE  
DOESN'T  
HAVE HIS  
SYMBIOTE.

BRING  
HIM.









...BUT THERE WERE DOZENS OF OTHER ATTACKS OCCURRING WITHIN MINUTES.

MOST OF THE ATTACKS WERE CENTRALIZED AROUND NEW YORK... BUT THERE WERE SIMILAR EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. AND AFTER MULTIPLE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN HAVE BEEN TARGETED...

WELL, I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A LITTLE EXTRA COMPANY, MS. PRYDE.

BECAUSE WE NEED TO START COORDINATING-- AND FAST.

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

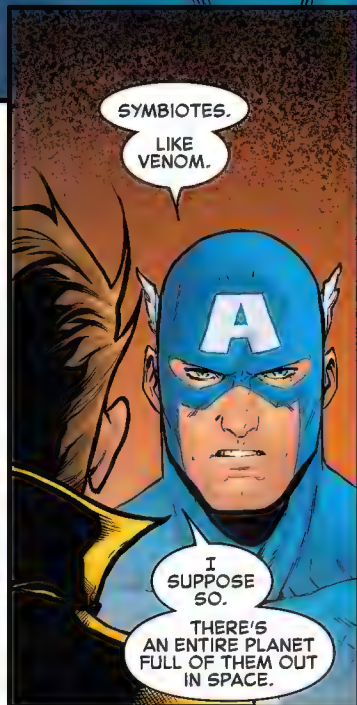
THEY HIT US HARD...CAME OUT OF NOWHERE...AND I DON'T LIKE THINKING IT, BUT THEY COULD HAVE TORN THROUGH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

WE WEREN'T DOING MUCH TO SLOW THEM DOWN.



BUT THEY DIDN'T KILL ANYONE. THEY DIDN'T EVEN HURT ANYONE.

THEY JUST HIT AS MANY OF US AS THEY COULD WITH THESE... SYMBIOTES.



SYMBIOTES.

LIKE VENOM.

I SUPPOSE SO.

THERE'S AN ENTIRE PLANET FULL OF THEM OUT IN SPACE.



SYMBIOTES HAVE BEEN WEAPONIZED IN THE PAST.

BUT NEVER IN SUCH A PRECISE MANNER.

THEY WERE PEOPLE WE KNEW.

THE ONES WHO ATTACKED US...THEY LOOKED LIKE X-FORCE.

THEY EVEN HAD A WOLVERINE WITH THEM.



I'M STRONGER THAN I WAS BEFORE...

...IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT...

...AND THE POWER... IT SORT OF TERRIFIES ME.



SO...WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH HERE?

YOU "ADULTS" ARE THE ONES WITH ALL THE DATABASES AND CONTINGENCY PLANS.

I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, SO WHY NOT JUST TELL US?

I WISH I HAD ANSWERS FOR YOU, MS. MARVEL. I REALLY DO.

BUT I'M AFRAID...



"...WE'RE  
FLYING BLIND  
HERE, TOO."

EVERYONE!

BRACE  
FOR  
IMPACT!

THE TRIP  
THROUGH  
SPACE...

...THE  
RE-ENTRY...

...IT WAS  
TOO MUCH FOR  
DANGER TO  
HANDLE!

WE'VE LOST  
CONTROL!



IT'S SOME  
SORT OF  
AIRCRAFT!

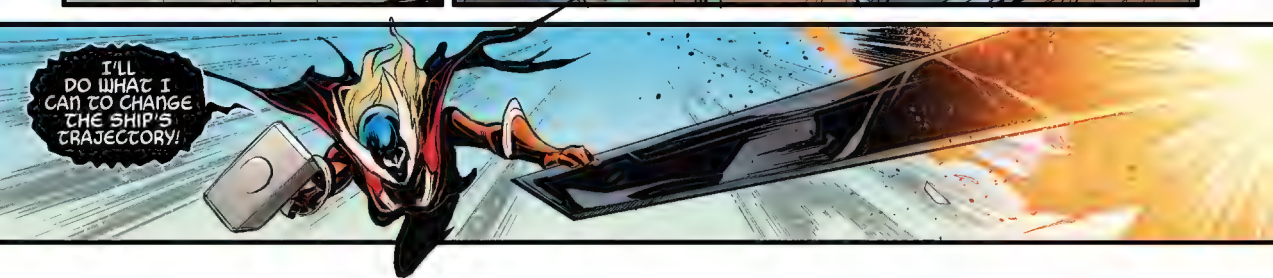
AND  
IT'S HEADED  
RIGHT FOR  
POPULATION  
CENTERS!



MAYHAP  
THIS VESSEL HAS  
SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH THE CREATURES  
WHO AMBUSHED  
US!

WE'LL  
ASK  
THEM--

--AS  
SOON AS WE  
PREVENT THEM  
FROM CRASHING  
THROUGH THOSE  
SKYSCRAPERS!



I'LL  
DO WHAT I  
CAN TO CHANGE  
THE SHIP'S  
TRAJECTORY!





**HAHA!**  
AND  
I'LL SLOW ITS  
DESCENT!



THESE  
NEWFOUND  
SUITS HAVE THEIR  
ADVANTAGES!



THOSE  
BENNIES COME  
AT A PRICE,  
HERC!

SPIDER-MAN!  
SO, THOR  
AND I ARE NOT  
THE ONLY ONES WHO  
HAVE BEEN SURPRISED  
WITH A CHANGE OF  
WARDROBE!



THE SHIP'S  
SLOWING!  
BUT IT'S  
STILL GOING  
TO CRASH  
IF WE--



WE  
CAN TAKE  
IT FROM  
HERE.





MAGNETO!

WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO ADD OUR SUPPORT. WE RECEIVED A WARNING THAT WE HOPED TO SHARE...

...WHEN WE SAW THIS SHIP'S DESCENT.

YOU LOOKED AS IF YOU COULD USE A HAND.

AND--ALL CARDS ON THE TABLE--WE HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE PLANE AND ITS PASSENGERS.



THIS IS YOUR X-PLANE OR WHATEVER, RIGHT?

I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ITS EMERGENCY LANDING AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE DEALING WITH SOME SORT OF SYMBIOTE ATTACK IS A COMPLETE COINCIDENCE, ARE YOU?

I AM NOT.

BUT SEE FOR YOURSELF.



VENOM?!



I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED YOU'D BE MIXED UP IN THIS!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I WAS TRYING TO GET BACK TO EARTH TO WARN JACKASSES LIKE YOURSELF TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ANYTHING RESEMBLING A SYMBIOTE.

BUT I CAN SEE I'M TOO LATE.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I'D SAY IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE, WEBB.

IT MEANS--



"--WE'VE GOT  
A FIGHT ON  
OUR HANDS."

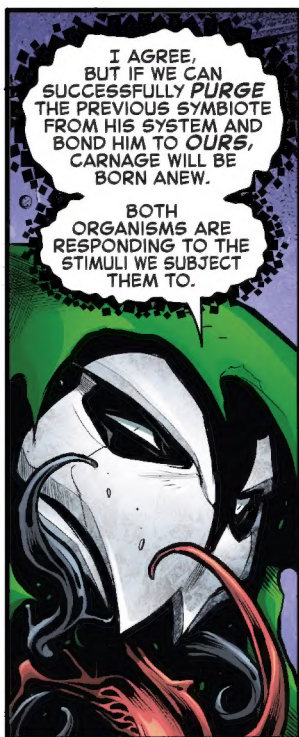
THE RESEARCH  
WE OBTAINED FROM  
THE SYMBIOTE DEALER ON  
KARITETH HAS REVEALED  
NEW AVENUES OF  
EXPLORATION.

AND THE  
ANOMALY?

HE WAS...  
**SURPRISINGLY**  
EAGER AT  
FIRST.

BUT HIS  
**BLOOD--**WHICH  
STILL HOLDS TRACES  
FROM A PREVIOUS  
SYMBIOSIS--  
**RESISTS.**

IF NOTHING  
ELSE, HE  
PROVIDED AN  
EXCELLENT TEST  
SUBJECT.





A full-page comic book illustration of Carnage. He is a large, muscular figure with a red, demonic face and horns, wearing a black, spiky, web-like suit. He is in a state of intense pain or rage, screaming with his mouth wide open. He is surrounded by sharp, blue, crystalline structures that look like ice or shrapnel. In the background, there are high-tech panels and a bright light source. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greys, and reds.

...BUT  
ON THIS  
WORLD...

...CARNAGE  
MAY PROVE THE  
KEY TO A SWIFT  
VICTORY.

YEEEEEAAAARRRGH!

IT...IT  
HURTS!

GET THIS...  
GET THIS  
OFF ME!

TO BE CONTINUED...



# NEXT:



## ON SALE IN ONE WEEK!

DON'T MISS THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE VENOMIZED SAGA--ON SALE IN ONLY SEVEN DAYS! SO, HEAD DOWN TO YOUR LOCAL COMIC SHOP ON 4/11 TO GET YOUR HANDS ON VENOMIZED #2! IN THE MEANTIME, DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR NOTES TO [SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM](mailto:SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM) AND LET US KNOW HOW WE'RE DOING! MARK THEM "OKAY TO PRINT".





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